

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 722

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ann Scott Davis on her selection as the 2016 Woman of Distinction.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Ann Scott Davis, who was recently named the 2016 Woman of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is given to women who have distinguished themselves through their professional, civic, and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Athens, Ann Scott Davis is a graduate of Tennessee Wesleyan College; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis served as executive director for the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum for twenty years; she was elected to the Athens City Council in 2008, was re-elected in 2012, and currently serves as mayor; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as mayor, Mrs. Davis has served as a board member of the Tennessee Municipal League's board of directors and currently serves as the League's vice president; she has served as a member of the City of Athens Parks and Recreation Foundation and the City of Athens Planning Commission; and she has established and co-chaired the McMinn County Workforce Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ann Scott Davis served in various roles on local and state committees and boards in the past, including president of the Tennessee Association of Museums; council member of Tennesseans for The Arts; chair of the Downtown Partnership Committee, Athens

Chamber Tourism Council, and Leadership McMinn; and board member of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ann Scott Davis was Tennessee's first recipient of the 2013 National League of Cities Women in Municipal Government Leadership Award; she also received the Chairman's Award from the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce in 2013, and she was listed in *Who's Who in America* in 2001; and

WHEREAS, she served First Baptist Church and Central Baptist Church as a Sunday school teacher for more than twenty years, and she has been a member of several church committees; and

WHEREAS, she is perhaps most appreciative of the love and support she shares with her daughter, Whitney; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Ann Scott Davis takes her place among many fine citizens who have earned Tennessee the nickname of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Mrs. Davis, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Ann Scott Davis for her meritorious service to the people of Athens and the State of Tennessee and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.